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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 14-Jun-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 06/14/03	PREVIOUS WEEK 06/07/03
BRO-FRY	164,704	161,426
LT HENS	1,709	1,590
HVY HENS	1,505	1,516

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 07-Jun-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	292	9	301
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	60	6	66
SAME WEEK YR AGO	349	0	349
TO-DATE/2003	5,827	83	5,910
TO-DATE/2002	7,380	31	7,411

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,861	1,474	3,335
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,429	1,223	2,652
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,199	1,515	3,714
TO-DATE/2003	44,084	30,601	74,685
TO-DATE/2002	49,481	30,336	79,817

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 07-Jun-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	155,892	1,569	1,465	3,034
AVG WT	5.23	3.41	8.16	5.70
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	141,722	1,369	1,217	2,586
SAME WK YR AGO	158,905	1,850	1,515	3,365
AVG WT	5.12	3.52	8.12	5.59
TO-DATE/2003	3,465,471	38,257	30,518	68,775
TO-DATE/2002	3,542,034	42,101	30,305	72,406

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.8 million head or 1.2 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 31-May-03**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	23,211	24,606	54,145
Avg Weight	3.67	4.60	6.07
% of total /1	23%	24%	53%

COMPARISONS

Last week	27,164	29,097	50,271
Avg Weight	3.77	4.70	6.16
% of total /1	25%	27%	47%

Same week, yr ago /2	24,298	15,654	41,598
Avg Weight	3.79	4.71	6.10
% of total /1	30%	19%	51%

To date/2003	541,988	516,102	982,519
To date/2002	649,741	539,177	1,044,092

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 07-Jun-2003
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,977	2,900	58	14	4,949
AVG WT	15.96	36.97	25.64	30.01	28.42
HEAD SLTR COMPARIONS					
LAST WEEK	1,702	2,254	56	9	4,021
SAME WK YR AGO	1,862	2,879	46	10	4,797
AVG WT	15.72	36.00	25.59	28.88	28.01
TO-DATE/2003	40,947	61,861	1,394	333	104,535
TO-DATE/2002	41,378	60,714	982	172	103,246

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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